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Sen. Brown offers comments on State of the State address

LANSING – Following the governor’s annual State of the State address, state Sen. Cameron S. Brown, R-Fawn River Township, issued the following statement:

“I would agree with Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema when he says the real litmus test of the governor’s proposals that she laid out in very broad strokes tonight is: will any of these proposals help reposition Michigan for job growth and economic expansion. People are out of work, they have inability to afford healthcare insurance. We’re going to give the governor’s proposals a fair hearing, certainly in the Senate, but the bottom line is how are these proposals going to help get people back to work?

“The governor tonight talked in very general terms about using some \$400 million of federal dollars to provide healthcare insurance, but the plan that this is based on is a plan that was enacted in three other states and by all accounts the programs have failed. We don’t want to use failed examples as models for our state. I think we need to spend the next weeks and months certainly giving the governor’s proposals a fair hearing, but the litmus test will be how will it reposition Michigan for job growth?”

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